



Dorchester County
Public Schools
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Dorchester County Public Schools Prekindergarten Admission Qualifications

The Maryland State Department of Education has summarized both Federal and State requirements for prekindergarten admission as follows:

“A child admitted to the prekindergarten program in the public school must be four years old or older on September 1 of the school year in which the child applies for entrance. Eligibility for enrollment is extended to four-year-old children who come from families with economically disadvantaged backgrounds or who are homeless. The *Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act* requires local school systems to enroll all income eligible four-year-old children whose parents or guardians seek to enroll them. After the initial enrollment of these children, local school systems may fill any remaining vacancies by enrolling children who exhibit a lack of readiness in personal and social development, language and literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific thinking, social studies, the arts, or physical development and health.”

Once these groups of Federally- or State-defined eligible children are enrolled, then Dorchester County Public Schools fills remaining vacancies with children from a waiting list compiled at each school.

To learn more about our Prekindergarten program, contact your local elementary school principal or Ms. Marion Fisher, 410-228-4747, extension 1003.